

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A homology analysis system for analyzing whether an analysis target data group is similar to a first data group or a second data group wherein the first and second data groups is different from the analysis target data group, comprising:
  - a first homology value calculation unit calculating a first homology value  $x$  representing a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the first data group respectively, wherein the first homology value calculating unit sets  $n$  thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and calculates a first homology value  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each threshold  $E_i$ ;
  - a second homology value calculation unit calculating a second homology value  $y$  representing a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the second data group respectively, wherein the second homology value calculating unit sets  $n$  thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and calculates a second homology value  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each threshold  $E_i$ ; and
  - homology determination unit determining to which one of the first and second data groups the analysis target data group is similar on the basis of a

relationship between the first homology value  $x_i$ , the second homology value  $y_i$ , and the number  $\underline{n}$  of thresholds.

2. A homology analysis system according to  
5 claim 1, wherein

the first homology value calculation unit determines the presence of a homology if a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the first data group, respectively, is not less  
10 than the threshold  $E$ , and calculates the number of data having homologies as the first homology value  $\underline{x}$ , and

the second homology value calculation unit determines the presence of a homology if a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the second data group, respectively, is not less  
15 than the threshold  $E$ , and calculates the number of data having homologies as the second homology value  $\underline{y}$ .

3. A homology analysis system according to  
claim 1, wherein

20 when the first data group has  $n_A$  data, and the second data group has  $n_B$  data,

the first homology value calculation unit calculates a first homology value  $x_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_A$ ) for each data of the first data group with respect  
25 to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $x_{i\_}$  of the calculated first homology values  $x_i$  with respect to the threshold  $E_i$ ,

the second homology value calculation unit  
calculates a second homology value  $y_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_B$ ) for each data of the second data group with respect  
to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $y_{i\_}$  of  
5 the calculated second homology values  $y_i$  with respect  
to the threshold  $E_i$ , and

the homology determination unit calculates  
a homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  indicating  
similarity to one of the first data group and the  
10 second data group according to

$$Z_i^{(1)} = \frac{\overline{x_i} - \overline{y_i}}{u_i} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n_A \cdot n_B}{n_A + n_B}} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

when

$$u_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_A + n_B - 2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n_A} (x_{ij} - \overline{x_i})^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_B} (y_{ik} - \overline{y_i})^2 \right\}}$$

15 4. A homology analysis system according to  
claim 1, wherein

when the first data group has  $n_A$  data, and the  
second data group has  $n_B$  data,

the first homology value calculation unit  
20 calculates a first homology value  $x_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_A$ ) for each data of the first data group with respect  
to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $x_{i\_}$  of  
the calculated first homology values  $x_i$  with respect to  
the threshold  $E_i$ ,

25 the second homology value calculation unit  
calculates a second homology value  $y_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots,$

$n_B$ ) for each data of the second data group with respect to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $y_{i-}$  of the calculated second homology values  $y_i$  with respect to the threshold  $E_i$ ,

5           the homology determination unit calculates a homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  indicating similarity to one of the first data group and the second data group according to

10           
$$Z_i^{(1)} = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{y}_i}{u_i} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n_A \cdot n_B}{n_A + n_B}} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

when

$$u_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_A + n_B - 2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n_A} (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_B} (y_{ik} - \bar{y}_i)^2 \right\}}$$

and

15           the homology analysis system further comprises determination result derivation unit determining that the analysis target data group has many data having homologies with the first data group, if the homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is larger than  $t_\alpha(0, 10)$  wherein the homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is in  
20           accordance with a t-distribution and  $\alpha$  is a degree of freedom.

5. A homology analysis system according to claim 1, in which

25           when the first data group has  $n_A$  data, and the second data group has  $n_B$  data,

the first homology value calculation unit  
calculates a first homology value  $x_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_A$ ) for each data of the first data group with respect  
to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $x_{i\_}$  of  
5 the calculated first homology values  $x_i$  with respect to  
the threshold  $E_i$ ,

the second homology value calculation unit  
calculates a second homology value  $y_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_B$ ) for each data of the second data group with respect  
10 to one threshold  $E_i$ , and calculates a mean value  $y_{i\_}$  of  
the calculated second homology values  $y_i$  with respect  
to the threshold  $E_i$ ,

the homology determination unit calculates  
a homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  indicating  
15 similarity to one of the first data group and the  
second data group according to

$$Z_i^{(1)} = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{y}_i}{u_i} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n_A \cdot n_B}{n_A + n_B}} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

when

$$u_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_A + n_B - 2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n_A} (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_B} (y_{ik} - \bar{y}_i)^2 \right\}}$$

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and

the homology analysis system further comprises  
determination result derivation unit determining that  
the analysis target data group has many data having  
25 homologies with the second data group, if the homology  
determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is smaller than  $-t_\alpha(0, 10)$

wherein the homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is in accordance with a t-distribution and  $\alpha$  is a degree of freedom.

5 6. A homology analysis system according to claim 4, wherein the determination result derivation unit further comprises homology validity determination unit calculating a homology validity determination value  $Z^{(2)}$  given by

$$Z^{(2)} = \frac{|\overline{Z^{(1)}}| - t_{n_A+n_B-2}(0.10)}{s/\sqrt{(n-1)}}$$

10 where  $\underline{s}$  is a standard deviation of  $Z_i^{(1)}$  and  $Z_i^{(1)}_{-}$  is a mean value of  $Z_i^{(1)}$ , and determining that the homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is an invalid value, if the homology validity determination value  $Z^{(2)}$  is less than a predetermined value  $t_{n-1}(0, 10)$ .

15 7. A homology analysis system according to claim 5, wherein the determination result derivation unit further comprises homology validity determination unit calculating a homology validity determination value  $Z^{(2)}$  given by

$$Z^{(2)} = \frac{|\overline{Z^{(1)}}| - t_{n_A+n_B-2}(0.10)}{s/\sqrt{(n-1)}}$$

20 where  $\underline{s}$  is a standard deviation of  $Z_i^{(1)}$  and  $Z_i^{(1)}_{-}$  is a mean value of  $Z_i^{(1)}$ , and determining that the homology determination value  $Z_i^{(1)}$  is an invalid value, if the homology validity determination value  $Z^{(2)}$  is

less than a predetermined value  $t_{n-1}(0, 10)$ .

8. A homology analysis system according to claim 6, wherein the degree of freedom  $\alpha$  is  $n_A + n_B - 2$ .

5        9. A homology analysis system according to claim 7, wherein the degree of freedom  $\alpha$  is  $n_A + n_B - 2$ .

10       10. A homology analysis system according to claim 1, wherein the first and second homology value calculation unit calculates the homology values  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  by a BLAST method.

15       11. A homology analysis system according to claim 1, wherein the analysis target data group, the first data group, and the second data group are data representing gene sequences. ✓

20       12. A homology analysis method of analyzing whether an analysis target data group is similar to a first data group or a second data group wherein the first and second data groups is different from the analysis target data group, comprising:

calculating a first homology value  $\underline{x}$  representing a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the first data group, respectively, wherein the calculating the first homology value  $\underline{x}$   
25 includes setting  $\underline{n}$  thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and calculating the first homology value  $\underline{x}$

as a first homology value  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each threshold  $E_i$ ;

calculating a second homology value  $y$  representing a homology between data included in the analysis target data group and the second data group, respectively, wherein the calculating the second homology value  $y$  includes setting  $n$  thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and calculating the second homology value  $y$  as a second homology value  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each threshold  $E_i$ ; and

determining to which one of the first and second data groups the analysis target data group is similar on the basis of a relationship between the first homology value  $x_i$ , the second homology value  $y_i$ , and the number  $n$  of thresholds.

13. A homology analysis program product causing a computer system to analyze whether an analysis target data group is similar to a first data group or a second data group wherein the first and second data groups is different from the analysis target data group, comprising:

a recording medium;

a first program code which is recorded on the recording medium and gives the computer system a first command for calculating a first homology value  $x$  representing a homology between data included in the



analysis target data group and the first data group,  
respectively, wherein the first command includes  
setting n thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination  
criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and  
5 calculating a first homology value  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )  
for each threshold  $E_i$ ;

a second program code which is recorded on the  
recording medium and gives the computer system a second  
command for calculating a second homology value y  
10 representing a homology between data included in the  
analysis target data group and the second data group,  
respectively, wherein the second command includes  
setting n thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination  
criterion for the presence/absence of a homology and  
15 calculating a second homology value  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots,$   
 $n$ ) for each threshold  $E_i$ ; and

a third program code which is recorded on the  
recording medium and gives the computer system a third  
command for determining to which one of the first and  
20 second data groups the analysis target data group is  
similar on the basis of a relationship between the  
first homology value  $x_i$ , the second homology value  $y_i$ ,  
and a number n of thresholds.

14. A transaction establishment system for  
25 analyzing whether a transaction condition including  
at least two transaction condition data of a first  
transaction party is similar to a transaction condition

including at least two transaction conditions presented  
by any one of at least two second transaction parties  
to determine establishment of a transaction, thereby  
determining whether a transaction is established

5 between the first transaction party and at least the  
two second transaction parties, comprising:

a first homology value calculation unit  
calculating a first homology value  $\underline{x}$  representing a  
homology between the transaction condition data of the  
10 first transaction party and the transaction condition  
data of one of the second transaction parties, wherein  
the first homology value calculating unit sets  $\underline{n}$   
thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion  
for the presence/absence of a homology and calculates  
15 a first homology value  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each  
threshold  $E_i$ ; and

a second homology value calculation unit  
calculating a second homology value  $\underline{y}$  representing  
a homology between at least two transaction condition  
20 data of the first transaction party and transaction  
condition data of the other party who is not a target  
for which the first homology value calculation unit  
performed homology value calculation, wherein the  
second homology value calculating unit sets  $\underline{n}$   
25 thresholds  $E$  each indicating a determination criterion  
for the presence/absence of a homology and calculates  
a second homology value  $y_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) for each

threshold  $E_i$ ,

wherein the establishment of the transaction is determined on the basis of the first homology value  $x_i$  and the second homology value  $y_i$ .

5           15. A transaction establishment system according to claim 14, further comprising transaction establishment determination unit determining to which the transaction condition presented by any one of the second transaction parties the transaction condition of  
10           the first transaction party is similar on the basis of a relationship between the first homology value  $x_i$ , the second homology value  $y_i$ , and a number  $n$  of thresholds.

            16. A transaction establishment system according to claim 14, wherein  
15           one transaction condition data of the first transaction party is made to correspond to one transaction condition data of the second transaction party, and

            the first homology value calculation unit and  
20           the second homology value calculation unit calculate homology values between transaction condition data which are made to correspond to each other.

            17. A transaction establishment system according to claim 15, wherein

25           one transaction condition data of the first transaction party is made to correspond to one transaction condition data of the second transaction

party, and

the first homology value calculation unit and  
the second homology value calculation unit calculate  
homology values between transaction condition data  
5 which are made to correspond to each other.

18. A transaction establishment system according  
to claim 15, wherein the transaction establishment unit  
derives in order of similarity the second transaction  
party who has presented a transaction condition similar  
10 to a transaction condition of the first transaction  
party on the basis of a relationship between the first  
homology value  $x_i$ , the second homology value  $y_i$ , and  
the number  $\underline{n}$  of thresholds.